been fixed. BICP is able to recommend the prices of bulk drugs only after the concerned manufacturers have made available the cost data for cost-cum-technical study.

(c) Fixation/revision of prices is an on going process and the prices of the drugs involved would be fixed as early as possible, BICP is also regularly remainded to expedite their findings

Study for increase in conversion cost and packaging charges

1333 SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state.

(a) what were the names of the companies which were studied by Shankaran Committee for the purpose of recommending increase in conversion cost and packaging charges;

(b) what is the year to which this study relates and what were the conversion costs and packaging charges for these companies in question based on the norms and what were the actual conversion cost and packaging charges of each company during that year,

(c) what were the expenses included in the conversion costs and packaging charges and whether their details were furnished by the concerned companies,

(d) what was the percentage increase allowed on conversion and packaging charges based on Shankaran Committee recommendation,

(e) whether it is a fact that increase is not uniform for all pack sizes and all types of formulations viz, liquid, tablets, capsules and injections, and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken for extensive study?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Shankaran Committee called for the data from 35 companies, however, on the basis of availability of requisite information data from sixteen companies was considered. Data studied was for the years 1985-86 and 1986-87. The names of companies and the comparison between data furnished by them and norms is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No 33]

(c) Companies were asked to furnish information like wages, consumables utilities etc included in the conversion cost and packing charges These details were utilised to the extent available

(d) The Committee recommended implementation of revised norms in parts. Hence, only 50 per cent of recommended increase has been allowed uniformly

(e) The increase for various types of formulations varies from dosage form to dosage form because of difference in inputs going into those dosage forms

(f) Presently, BICP has been asked to undertake a fresh study

Treatment Centres for Mentally Retarded Persons

1334 SHRI B K. HARIPRASAD Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether a neurological disorder The Rett Syndronio is mentally handicapped is now widely recognised and if so, estimated numbers of sufferers in India,

(b) whether any treatment centres have been set up to met the challenge and

(c) whether NGOs such as Samadhan, New Delhi will be involved in carrying out survey and establishment of treatment centres in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha

Supply of By-Products of Refineries

1335 SHRI S S AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil Companies have been marketing various refinery by-products for consumption by Indian industries,

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are ISI standards stipulated for each of such of products, if so, the names of the items with corresponding ISI specification numbers,

(c) whether there are any cells in the Oil comapnies for monitoring conformity of consignments to related ISI standards before their delivery to the consumers; and

(d) if so, what is the process of its receiving complaints from consumers relating to supply of sub-standard products, and redressal thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) No by-products are produced by the refineries The various streams obtained during the processing of crude oil are converted into a number of products directly or through blending/reprocessing These products are used as fuel or feedstock by a large number of consumers including industries

For all products there is either a BIS specification or a refinirey specification

(c) Every refinery has a quality control laboratory with the required equipment and each batch of finished product is tested and certified for despatch only if it conforms to the specifications The oil marketing comoanies have also a full-fledged quality control set up to monitor the quality of products being marketed to ensure that they meet the requisite standards

(d) There is a wide spread network of Divisional Offices for oil marketing companies, who in turn are controlled by Regional Offices These offices have Field Sales Force who are in regular touch with various customers and users Besides, the Divisional Offices of such companies also have Customer Service Cell to receive complaints and take follow up action for redressal

Amounts recovered under DPEA

1336 SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) what are the amounts recovered from various companies under Drug Prices Equalisation Account after January, 1990,

(b) whether it is a fact that certain companies have filed writ petitions against the recovery notices,

(c) if so, what are the names of the companies and what is the outcome in each case,

(d) what are the names of the companies who have not yet deposited the amount due;

(e) whether his Ministry is charging interest on delayed payments; and

(f) if so, what is the rate of interest and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) A statement giving the details of the